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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is John Lusk of Port Huron; I served as a jury foreman in 1990 in the Behnke murder trial here in Port Huron.

My experience was largely frustrating, and I applaud the suggested changes that the court system is debating and proposing.

I wish I could have taken notes; I have a Master's degree in English Language/Literature and Composition, the basis of which is taking notes and asking questions, which I wish I could have done before and during the trial. During deliberations, I recall asking for a definition of criminal terms and it took a long time to reconvene the jury for what turned out to be a largely disappointing and ineffective response by the judge, through no fault of his own. It's just that we were limited to writing on paper what exactly we could request and there was no deviation from that.

These proposed changes will help make the deliberative process more effectual; as a result, more confidence, not less, in the judicial system will be the result.

Sincerely,

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